

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### Keeler.

A wedding is announced for next Sabbath. Mrs. Charles Thomas, with her two weeks old boy, has come home to her mother for a short time.

Seeding is finished, and other crops are being secured in good order; potatoes not so good as last year either in quality or quantity.

H. S. Conklin had a visit last week, from a friend from the east, whom he had not met since they were boys. These reunions are bright spots in life's pathway.

O. M. Sikes represented Keeler at Grand Rapids fair, and pronounced it in some points superior to the State fair. One feature surely is commendable, that is, the entire absence from the grounds of gambling tricks of any kind.

### Decatur.

Mr. McComber is visiting his son George. Amos Morris of Lawton was in town Tuesday.

Bickhart has a new whistle on his grist mill.

Aaron Sweet has been quite sick for some days.

E. L. Hawkes and his son Frank came home last Saturday.

Mr. Aaron Burnett has been quite ill during the past week.

Decatur wheat buyers are paying from 86 to 88 cents for wheat.

We noticed Judge Hilton and Geo. E. Breck in town last Saturday.

Geo. Blowers and wife are visiting at Mr. Stieritz's, Mrs. B's. father, in Hamilton.

Stephen Parmenter of Kalamazoo, was skaying hands with the comrades last Saturday.

Mrs. Bugbee has been spending the past week in Chicago and Charley has been a lone orphan.

Charley Shookman's daughter, Miss Minnie, has come to live with her uncle and attend our school.

Mr. Levi Dickinson and his sister Mrs. Housen, with her daughter Genevieve, were guests of B. O'Dell and family, last Sunday.

Mr. J. D. Lawson's daughters, Mary and Hattie, the latter accompanied by her husband and child arrived here last Friday, on a visit.

The lectures at the Universalist church, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of last week, were very interesting and well attended.

We were unable to be present, but are informed that the musical given by the blind musicians, John and Mary McCay, was a fine entertainment and well attended.

### Lawrence.

Spencer Harbut of Detroit, is in town.

Apple drying and sorghum making are in full blast.

Dr. Wiggins intends to warm his house with a furnace next winter.

We hear that Miss Kate Johnson will soon return to her home in this place.

Elvin Rowland and family of Hartford, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Hattie Cornwell has a new wheeled chair, in which she has been out on the street a number of times.

Charlie Crane took a gun through the fence wrong end foremost, last Tuesday. Result, a charge of shot through the left arm, making amputation necessary. Dr. Wiggins and Haskin removed the arm two or three inches below the elbow, and we hear he is doing well. Charlie seems to be a most unfortunate boy—having lost a finger or two from his right hand in the stove factory a few months since, and a great deal of sympathy is felt for him.

### PROSPECT LAKE.

Mrs. Jesse Branch of Lawrence, visited at Lynn Cooper's last week.

H. Webster from Free Soil, Mason County, is visiting at Henry Nowe's.

John Vernon has a very fine Cleveland Bay horse imported from England.

George McCon is building a barn twenty-six by seventy-six feet, with a basement.

Frank Barker, who has been down in Indiana seven—no, two years, serving for his Rachel, brought her home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Jacobs and their daughter Cora visited at F. D. Jacobs', last Saturday. F. D. went to Chicago last Wednesday to join the C. E. Leslie Concert and Convention Company, for an eight months tour in the western states.

### BARNES DISTRICT.

Mrs. Dr. Rowe is, at present, residing with her son Rufus.

Mr. Daniel Northrup and Mr. Ellis Conklin have a very fine lot of grapes.

E. J. Lane is using one of Young's "solid comfort" plows. He reports favorably.

John Nichols found one of his Night Hawk, spring colts dead, one morning last week.

School is prospering finely. Both scholars and patrons are well pleased with the teacher.

Several cases of diphtheria have been reported in the townships of Hartford and Lawrence.

Chas. Robinson will teach the winter school, in the Wood/district west of Bangor, for \$40 per month.

Mrs. E. W. Stickney and Mrs. Thos. Johns of Hartford, visited their sister, Mrs. Geo. Conklin, last Thursday.

A son of Mr. A. U. Barnes threw a stone at one of his father's cows and broke her leg. The animal had to be killed.

Nelson Drake, who moved to Iowa some five years since, has returned and will make Michigan his home for a time.

Farmers have improved the good weather; beans all secured; corn nearly all cut. There is a less acreage of wheat sown than usual.

Emma Robinson is teaching in the Sinclair district, in Covert, an eight month's term at \$28 per month for summer and \$30 for winter school.

At the last meeting of the Farmers' Club the question discussed was, "How does immigration affect the farmers of America?" At the next meeting the question will be, "What is the best method of raising and selling poultry for profit?"

### Gobleville.

Corn is nearly all cut, in this vicinity.

W. B. VanWinkle drives a nobby pair of colts.

Ike Coffinger of Scott Lake, is at work for Mr. Sebring.

Drawing sorghum to the mill is now the order of the day.

Johnny Clement has had his hall refitted with raised seats.

People are not bragging over their potato crop, as a general thing.

Elijah Post is building a residence just west of Martin Clement's.

Look out for the "Spy of Atlanta," soon to be acted at the rink by the G. A. R.

Old Mr. Draper fell from a wagon Monday morning, and was quite severely injured.

George Goodrich has taken charge of the basket factory and will run it by the piece, Mr. Thompson furnishing the timber.

Prof. Blakeman gave us a free musical entertainment last Saturday evening, which was highly applauded. He is forming a class here.

Clarence Westcott, who has been putting in a summer's work near Benton Harbor, has gone to work on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad.

We had occasion to say, two weeks since, that the rain had ruined the beans, but farmers now think they will have a fair crop. Moral: Don't borrow trouble.

It is expected that two or three weeks will elapse before the roller machinery at the mill can be put in running order. Consequently we shall lose considerable trade.

Our pea vines, this season, have put out new shoots from the old vines. We have used the second crop, and now a third one is in view. The old vines were apparently dead.

The pumpkin that we weighed last week dwindled from seventy-six pounds to sixteen pounds in going from here to Paw Paw. We shall put no more figures in our items. We will write them out.

They are putting in some new machinery at the Kendall chair factory, and are very secret as to what they are going to do. The supposition is that it is to be used to grind up recalcitrant masons.

The boss apple parer of Van Buren county has commenced work again. Miss Mamie Young pared forty-three bushels one day last week, and will make it fifty when she gets warmed up to the business.

Farmer Sebring of this place, has the right kind of hired boy. Last summer, we understand, he did not lose a day's work, and this summer Mr. Sebring has to hire him to go to the fair. This is an example of industry seldom seen in a boy.

Henry Qua of Gaylord, Otsego county, formerly of Glendale, made us a pleasant visit last week. Three years ago, Henry went to Gaylord, and, with his brother Sam, opened a drug and grocery store. He also bought a farm of 60 acres within a mile of the city, 40 acres of which he has since cleared. Hank is not homesick, but likes the country and is coining ducats very fast.

Married, in Bloomingdale, September 27, 1885, Elder Lewis officiating, at the residence of the bride's parents, Lafayette W. Bellows of Paw Paw and Miss Frances A. VanDyke of Bloomingdale. This marriage, although rather sudden, was not unexpected, and the supper got up on short notice by Mrs. VanDyke, was one of the best, and enjoyed by the guests present. We wish the happy couple a long life of pleasure and enjoyment.

Mr. C. R. Parker of this place, was killed by the cars last Thursday, on the Chicago & West Michigan railroad, near Grand Junction. He was selling pictures of Grant, and was traveling on the railroad track. He was very deaf, and the section hands, knowing his infirmity, advised him to be careful as a train was then due. He started on, looking back several times, but, while on a short curve, the train overtook him and was very near him before the engineer saw him. The whistle was blown and brakes put on, but the engine struck him breaking one leg, throwing him back against the smoke stack and then to the ground dead. Mr. Parker was an estimable citizen, having been a resident here fourteen years. He leaves a wife, who was formerly Mrs. Elder Myers, and a family of six daughters. Funeral services were held at the church last Sunday by Elder Lewis. The interment was at Robinson cemetery.

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That barked nose and black eye, which our groceryman wears, is the effect of playing ball without a muzzle on.

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Grapes have been shipped in such large quantities that the bottom has fallen out of the market and the fruit men will hang onto the fruit a little before shipping. It is nothing unusual to see fifteen or twenty teams standing at the depot waiting to unload.

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C. H. Smith, Frank Morrill and Pat. Shaffer went to Marcellus last week to play ball with the Marcellus willow wielders against the Three Rivers club. The boys did up Three Rivers by a score of 38 to 6 in a six innings game. Frank Green while umpiring the game was struck on the ankle by a ball pitched by C. H. Smith and has since used crutches.

James Hall, our efficient and highly esteemed postmaster, sent in his resignation about two months ago, to take effect Oct. 1st. His successor will be Al McElheney, one of the most prominent democratic politicians of the village, and for years one of our business men. Mr. Hall has performed the duties of his office in the most satisfactory manner, has always been accommodating and courteous to all, thus gaining many friends outside of his own party, who would have been satisfied to see him remain. Should Mr. McElheney do as well, and there is no doubt but he will as he will attend to the duties of the office personally, no one can reasonably find any fault. The office will be moved into the front part of the harness shop. John McElheney will, probably, oversee the harness department.

NEW YORK FASHIONS.

Fall Materials.—The New Bonnets and their Novel Trimmings.

Certain ideas pervade the domain of dress; given such and such ideas in millinery and in materials, we are sure to see them.

As for example, the canvas ribbons of last summer, which served as a prelude to canvas costumes, and when this fall we see woolen ribbons as their successors, let us be sure that wool dresses will have prestige; peculiar prestige when wrought in canvas-like texture, yet with coarseness of thread, making amends for loose weaving. Broad wool sashes touched with the same dull colored stripes shown forth in hat scarfs, are brought out in dresses, and nothing can exceed in style the coming wool costumes with scarf trimmed hats to match. Broad woolen gowns in millinery, of raglike thickness and design, are also the prelude to thick woofs of indistinct patterns, and as prominence of beads upon hats and bonnets is very great, so will many stylish effects be brought about by beads on dresses. Not always the fine glittering jet, but large beads set about fancifully, and here we see the rosy beads, which, a revelation in millinery, will appear as well on costumes.

Old themselves, they become novel by novelty of use, and the beautiful shades of blue will prove an addition. The heavy looking woofs just mentioned will be in special demand for

WALKING COSTUMES,

which, made short, will give opportunity for an exhibition of the society lady's trim walking boot, brightened by her tried and trusted dressing, but the Heaven Glove. Broad woolen enter largely into these costumes. Plush bonnets are many; costumes where plush appears, ditto. Too expensive, and too heavy looking for the whole dress, this handsome fabric will effectually serve as touches on something less expensive or more generally becoming. Rough bonnet sprinklings on wool will help to produce that heaviness at present thought stylish, while thick loopings in borders, sometimes woven in the goods or set on in stripes, will be powerful exponents of a leading fashionable idea. Succeding to the cotton lace of the summer, we see great quantities of woolen lace brought out in shades harmonizing with materials. They promise to be lavishly used for wool materials, while Irish wool lace in cern will give a change when similarly employed. Spanish patterns will appear in silk laces that finish more expensive goods, and handsome black outfits will be adorned by French imitations of Chantilly. This bringing forward of lace as a large element in the making of costumes is probably the beginning of an ending that will prove important, and where many rich possibilities may arise.

BONNETS

are quite small, and as we are now tired of term "capote" we say in place of it "Princess." Close and small, plush made, velvet made, or of felt. The trimming, massed in front, and bristling. Wings standing upright, breast feathers added to by stiff feathery endings made of metal or wirestrung beads, while if ostrich tips appear, they nod defiantly. But straight standing feathers, or long narrow leaves stiffened out by glue, and beads are more often seen. Fine wirestrung beads are twisted into imitation fern and other leaves, and placed upright unite with stiff looped ribbons. For while we note wicker ribbons as a novelty, yet numerous are the conservative ones of satin and velvet or satin with pique edge, peculiar to this season. Hats give room for considerable display by pronounced trimming set in front or against the high crown, but there are large importations of English walking hats and turbans. On all varieties, however, we observe the favor shown beads and beading. Amber beads as large as medium sized buttons, and flat, are set at regular intervals all over; thickly beaded material is brought out for making gowns, stiff with beads are used in trimming combined with beaded simulations of foliage flowers, while the favorite edging is a row of large beads, which correspond with others set on in various ways. Feathers are extremely fanciful and artificial as they are fanciful. Nature is not consulted, except perhaps in the case of little humming birds that sometimes are set in clusters of intrinsic beauty.

LUCY CARTER.

St. Nicholas for October.

This is the twelfth and last number of the current volume—the last course, so to speak, in the feast of good things which the generous old Saint has spread before his readers during the year, and as we usually reserve for our dessert some specially savory delicacies, so in this number we find some of the brightest and cleverest contributions that have appeared during the year—notably, the idyllic "Garden of Girls" story, by Celia Thaxter, entitled "Peggy's Garden," in which the author shows that she is a poet, even when writing prose. Then there is a characteristically impossible tale by Frank R. Stockton, the amusing absurdity of which is sufficiently indicated by the title, "The Griffin and the Unicorn." The boys who have been hard at work playing ball all summer will enjoy the story by a base ball expert of "How Science Won the Game" which contains practical directions for pitching the "out" and "in" curves. E. S. Brooks tells about another "Historic Girl," "Pulcheria of Constantinople," and how she afterward became an Empress. In the "From Bach to Wagner" series, Agatha Tullis writes about Mendelssohn, whose bright and happy boyhood stands in pleasant relief to the lives of many great musicians.

A Miniature Free Press.

One of the neatest pieces of advertising ever seen in Detroit, is the miniature copy of the Free Press of August 9, the work of the Moss Engraving Company, of New York. By the aid of a magnifying glass, the account of Grant's funeral can be read. His portrait is also faithfully produced in miniature. A page of "wants," containing over 16,000 words, is reproduced in the space of thirty-two square inches. On the inside of the four-page sheet is the schedule of advertising rates.

### Crazy Cloths.

One of the fall novelties in black goods is called Crazy Cloth. It is a handsome, durable, all wool fabric, at a very low price. Broughton sells it.

### How to Have Your Carpets.

The careful housewife may add many years to the wear of her carpets, and at the same time beautify and adorn her rooms by the judicious use of rugs. They are now made in an infinite variety of shapes and sizes—sofa rugs, door rugs, vestibule rugs both long and square. A stock of these goods such as is found only in the larger cities, is now on exhibition at Broughton's.

### Fringes.

Heavy silk chenille fringe is being used extensively as a trimming. As a garniture for broadcated velvet shoulder wraps it is very desirable. Some elegant styles are displayed by Broughton.

### Cartain Chains.

Chains seem to be the popular fastening for draping curtains. Hand-some patterns can be bought as low as 25c. per pair at Broughton's.

### Door Mats.

A large heavy door mat can be bought at Broughton's for 50c.

### Scrim Cloth.

Is having a large sale as ever, for aprons, splashes, curtains, etc. Broughton shows some very neat patterns.

### Table Linens and Napkins.

Have always been a specialty at Broughton's. His stock is now larger than ever.

### 2 Half Dollars for 75 Cents.

Broughton has a large supply of first quality ladies' 50 cent underwear which he is now selling at two pieces for 75 cents.

### 30 Cents.

Thirty cents seems too low a price for a ladies' merino vest, still 30c buys one at Broughton's.

### Hassocks.

A fine selection of Hassocks, made from best quality tapestry and body Brussels. The same kind that usually sells at \$1, now going a 50c at Broughton's.

### Tricots.

Tricots are very popular this season. Broughton has all colors and qualities, with trimming braids for same.

### Prints.

All the best makes, such as Merrimacs, Cocheico, Manchesters, etc., now selling at five cents at Broughton's. The assortment embraces some of the best dress styles.

### Bind Your Oil Cloths.

Oil Cloths ought to be bound with metal binding. It is now made in very neat and durable patterns, and sold at a low price. Broughton supplies ornamental corners and tacks free to those who buy the binding of him.

### Jamestown Dress Goods.

Broughton is still the agent for these favorite goods.

### Many People.

Who remember the beautiful lambs-wool blankets which sold at \$7.50 per pair last year, will be glad to know that they can be bought for \$5 this year at Broughton's.

### "Buy a Hat."

Is the way Broughton's sign reads. We know you will be tempted to buy if you will only look at his new styles in stiff hats.

### 124 Shades.

Of embroidery silks at Broughton's.

### Douglas Kid.

Shoes for ladies are very popular. Broughton has them at prices within the reach of all.

### Oil Cloths.

Broughton sells good floor oil cloth for 25c per yard.

### Home Made Flannels.

The same quality that has been sold at Broughton's for several years with perfect satisfaction to the customer, is still on sale; and while they have been made heavier and wider, the price has been reduced.

### Cornice Poles.

Broughton says, 35 cents buys a handsome cornice pole in ebony or cherry finish.

### S. T. BOWEN—CLOTHING.

# THE DEEPCUT CLOTHING HALL UNDERBUY AND UNDERSELL

In these words lay the philosophy of mercantile success.

MERIT IS THE TRADEMARK OF SUCCESS. QUALITY THE TRUE TEST OF CHEAPNESS.

The modern appliances of mercantile warfare, mean war to the knife under the black flag, asking nor giving quarter. Mercantile morality, already sufficiently at fault, is still on a downward grade, as exemplified by the events of each day. The tendency is nowhere more plainly seen than in the failures that occur, with the deliberate purpose of making money, by compromising indebtedness at as much less than its face as it can accomplish. The evils that flow from an encouragement of this policy are fraught with consequences the most destructive of sound trade or future safety. In every community where an operation of this kind is successful, the honest, thrifty and capable merchant is placed at a tremendous disadvantage, but the people of this community are too honest to aid any person who attempts to accomplish such an infamous scheme. When the queer, crooked and crafty, when the moonshine merchant, the periodical pirate and the mercantile swamp angel are crushed in the crucible of credit, it